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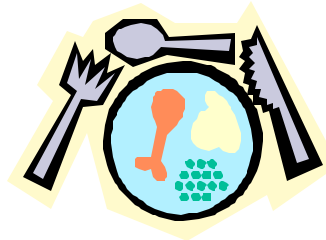


Hard Work and a Little Luck

Montgomery County has awarded Ambler with a 2003 Revitalization Grant of \$288,170. This will make for improvements to street lighting for Spring Garden, Ridge, Poplar and Lindenwold Avenues, a redesign for signage to the downtown parking lots, a new downtown walking tour brochure and DVD and presentation equipment for the Ambler Theatre. This is in addition to the \$882,000 in grant money received last year. Congratulations to Ambler Main Street and the Borough's Engineer for successfully navigating the red tape and fully understanding what the grant givers are looking for.

Commission Openings

There are two open slots on the Planning Commission. Historical District Ordinance, Minor Land Development guidelines, Mother-in-law suites, Street Trees and Rail Corridor Redevelopment are just a few of the items the Planning Commission has on their plate. The Commission meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Contact the Borough Manager if you are interested in serving your community as a member of this commission.



Unanimous Endorsement



Council gave its approval to Montgomery County's Open Space program to preserve 9000 acres of open spaces, farmland, trails, natural resource areas and funding 69 tree planting projects. Residents will have a chance to voice their opinion on this issue at the polls this coming November.

Main Flush in September

Water main flushing within the Borough limits will begin in September. This will be done between 11pm and 6am. It may cause brief periods of low pressure and discolored water. If these problems persists, please call the Water Department between 8am and 4:30pm. 215-646-1000 ext. 110 or 111.

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2004 Budget

Papers are flying and numbers are being crunched as your Council prepares for and tries to predict expenses the coming year. There are 567 revenue/expense items in the budget. Each is reviewed and decisions to adjust numbers up or down are based on past trends and next year's predicted value. One difficulty facing a balanced budget is a large reduction in the EIT revenue for 2004. The firm which collects and distributes the revenue to municipalities has discovered Ambler has received funds that should have gone to other municipalities and Ambler may have to pay it back.

Did You Know?

In 2002, Residents recycled 223 tons of newspaper and 134 tons of glass/plastic/metal?

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Tick Topics

As a Cub Scout Leader I receive a scouting magazines and found an article on Lyme Disease (LD). So much has been written about West Nile Virus we tend to forget there are other concerns we need to be reminded of. I'd like to share with you some of what I've learned.

Lyme Disease got its name from the town of Lyme, CT where a large number of children began having arthritis-like symptoms in 1975 from the bite of a LD carrying deer tick. These ticks need one blood meal for each phase of their life, larva, nymph and adult. Spring is when nymphs are most numerous. They are small, often smaller than a sesame seed, and not easy to spot. A "bull's-eye rash" is a typical result of a bite but it may take as long as a month after the bite occurred for the rash to be seen. The rash has a clearing spot in the center is noticed by a majority but not all of LD suffers.

Symptoms are varied and include muscle soreness, stiff neck, flu-like symptoms and severe headaches. Awareness, prevention and prompt attention to symptoms are your best weapons to battle LD. Light colored clothing with long pants tucked into socks allows you to easily see the dark colored tick and foil its efforts to travel to a bare part of your leg. Check for ticks on clothing and bare skin immediately after your activity and before bed. Use tweezers to remove the tick and if possible, save the tick in tight closing container for later identification and testing for LD.

AWWTP Cover Awarded

Quad Construction was awarded the contract to replace a 40' diameter digester tank cover at the treatment plant for a cost of \$279,800. A digester allows bacteria to eat treatment plant "solids" and produce methane gas. The cover moves up and down depending on how full the tank is.



Water Department Ups Rate



The Pa Public Utilities Commission granted an increase to water rates such that you will now pay \$2.84 for every 1000 gallons of water used. Prior to this change everyone was charged a minimum of 10,000 gallons. Now you pay a little more for the water but you are only charged for what you use. Customers using less than 7,000 gallons per month will actually see a reduction in their bill. It pays to conserve!

West Nile Virus Update

The first case of West Nile Virus Disease in a Montgomery County resident was recently reported in West Norriton. For more information on WNV disease and ways to reduce your risk refer to the last issue of HTN, contact the Montgomery County Health Department (610) 278-5117 or visit the Montgomery County Health Department Web Site: <http://www.montcopa.org/health/westnile.htm>

Getting a Second Opinion

Council is obtaining a second opinion on whether or not the Loch Alsh water tank has any useful life remaining. Engineers will determine if it is practical to repair the tank or if it should be torn down then come up with a satisfactory solution that is both cost effective and long term. One potential solution includes replacing it with a larger tank. Results will be in by end of September. Stay tuned.

Ricciardi Park Update

Have you seen this park lately? Wow! Check it out. New asphalt, fencing, trees and stone work are making this a wonderful partner in the neighborhood.





Ambler Main Street News

P.O. Box, Ambler, PA 19002; 215-641-1070; Fax:215-628-2280; www.AmblerMainStreet.org

Supporting a downtown for Ambler, Upper Dublin, Lower Gwynedd & Whitpain

"Rain, rain go away, Come again another day. "

(Children's song)



Calendar of Events



Main Street Manager at Work

- Continue to meet with possible new business owners for vacant storefronts.
- Design Committee meets monthly with business owners looking for advice on façade improvements.
- Helped to facilitate the second round of Comcast commercials.
- Art show Committee meets regularly to plan fourth annual Art Show at Artman.

- 12th annual Oktoberfest will be held on Butler Avenue Sunday, September 21st, noon to 5 PM. You can look forward to **German dancers, concert band, artists and crafters, sidewalk sales, hayrides and a beer garden and pig roast!**
- A family event worth everyone's time is the Fort Washington Fire Company's 15 annual Fire Prevention Expo. It is held Monday September 29th at the Fort Washington Expo Center, 6:30 to 9:00 PM.



Have You Shopped Here Yet?

- [Arielle Bridal Shop](#) (Bridal dresses, Mother of the Bride dresses and much more)
- [Trimesters](#) (Clothing and accessories for the expectant mother)
- [Ragamuffins](#) (Clothing, toys, and accessories for infants, toddlers and small children)
- [D'Agostino Discount Carpet](#) (Not just carpets, a variety of floor coverings)
- [Sol Studio](#) (Yoga practice and instruction)
- [Crowd Pleasers](#) (Music and DJ Equipment as well as DJs for your next bash)
- [ESP Astrology](#) (Check out your future)
- [Unique Boutique](#) (Clothing and Accessories)

Becoming an Ambler Main Street member in September is a "fall-filling" endeavor!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Annual Membership; Resident \$25; Landlords \$165

Send to: Ambler Main Street

PO Box 36, Ambler, PA 19002

Business membership based on number of employees

0-5 \$165 16-20 \$330

6-10 \$225 21+ \$550

11-15 \$275

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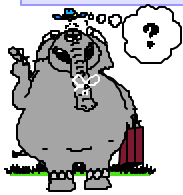
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Reminders from the Manager

- Fall leaf pickup will be the last 3 Tuesdays of November and 1st two Tuesday of December. Leaves must be in the paper yard bags or clean unlined trashcans.
- Leaf burning is not permitted.
- Ambler Borough is looking for substitute school crossing guards on an "as needed" basis for guards who are sick or otherwise unable to stand their post. Contact Ambler Borough Police Chief Rocco Wack at 215-646-1000.
- Within 24 hrs after the end of a snowfall snow and ice are to be removed from sidewalks. Violations subject to \$25.00 without warning. A 36" wide path is required. Corner property owners are asked to make a path to the street.
- Do not place anything in the street. This includes: basketball hoops, grass, leaves, snow, chairs, etc.

Sweet 24

This is the 24th issue of HTN that I've written since taking over the reins in January 2000. The look has changed but the purpose of keeping Borough residents informed of their community has not. I feel I'm starting to get into a rut so I'm asking you for suggestions and comments to make improvements so this publication continues to be an avenue for you to know your community better. Please be open and honest. I can take it. You can e-mail me at lorehek@borough.ambler.pa.us or leave your comments in my mailbox at Borough Hall.

What's at SAAC?

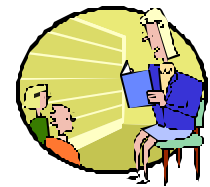
All events are at 11am; 45 Forest Ave; 215-619-8863

Sept 19 & 26 "Improve Your Memory". How to identify memory gaps and suggest ways to deal with those gaps. Discussion includes ways to reduce stress, anxiety and confusion about memory loss.

Sept 24- "Macular Degeneration". Support Group will discuss available community resources and ideas for coping for activities of daily living.



Children's Events at the Library



Terrific Tuesdays at 7pm

Thursday Surprises 10:30 am

Sept: 23 Talent night. Sign up to Perform

Dec. 18. Holiday Sing-A-Long with Miss Michelle 10:30am

Oct 28: Halloween Party and Magic Show

Every Thursday: Story Time with Miss Michelle

Nov. 12 Pizza and Bingo.

Register in Advance

Every Tuesday 4:30pm Story Time with Miss Michelle